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VIA ECFS

March 5, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap and Rate of
Return Areas
Noxapater Telephone Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Noxapater Telephone Company, Inc. ("Noxapater") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Noxapater is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC") serving rural areas of Mississippi within Study Area Number 280461, and is interested in funding for a possible expansion into the following areas.

Areas of Interest

<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Census Tract</u>	<u>Support Amount</u>
Winston	Mississippi	28159950100	\$1,549,887
Winston	Mississippi	28159950200	\$1,523,359
Winston	Mississippi	28159950500	\$1,160,979
Neshoba	Mississippi	28099010100	\$1,100,837
Neshoba	Mississippi	28099010200	\$1,156,365

Proposed Services

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Noxapater anticipates being able to offer Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream / 768 kbps upstream provided over xDSL technology to customers within these unserved areas.

Funding

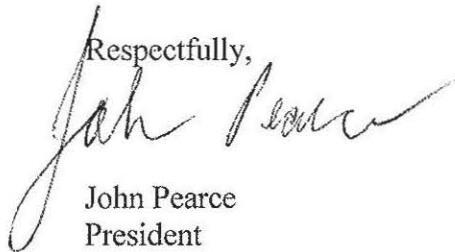
Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tracts have yet to be identified, Noxapater is unable to estimate the construction costs and amount of funding needed. However, Noxapater anticipates that costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

Noxapater already provides voice and broadband service to customers within parts of some of the Census Tracts identified above and therefore, depending on which Census Blocks contain the unserved locations and their proximity to Noxapater's existing network, it is possible that Noxapater could begin offering services to these unserved locations soon after construction starts and once the necessary regulatory approvals are granted.

Additionally, Noxapater understands that the Commission has not yet identified unserved areas within rate-of-return ILEC service areas. Noxapater does not believe that there are any unserved locations within its study area, but to the extent the FCC later identifies any such areas within Noxapater's study area, the Company would also be interested in serving such locations.

Noxapater appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Pearce", written over the printed name and title.

John Pearce
President